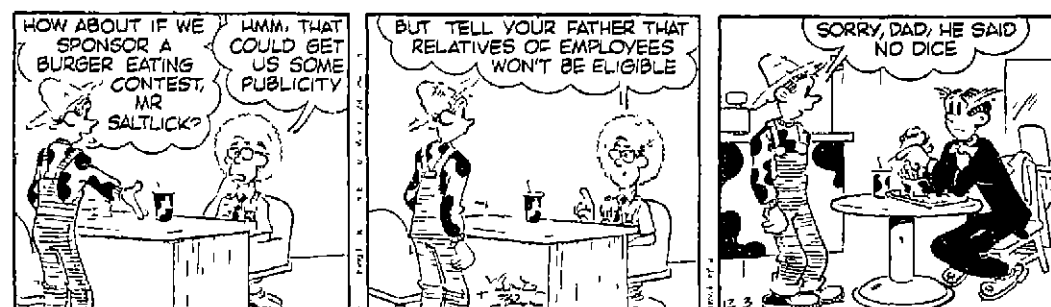


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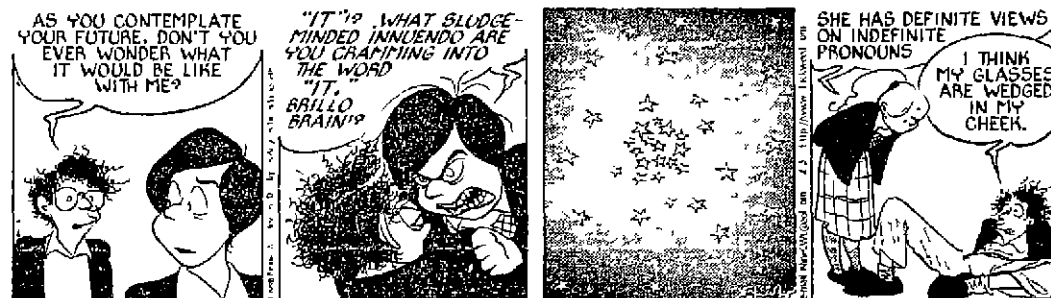
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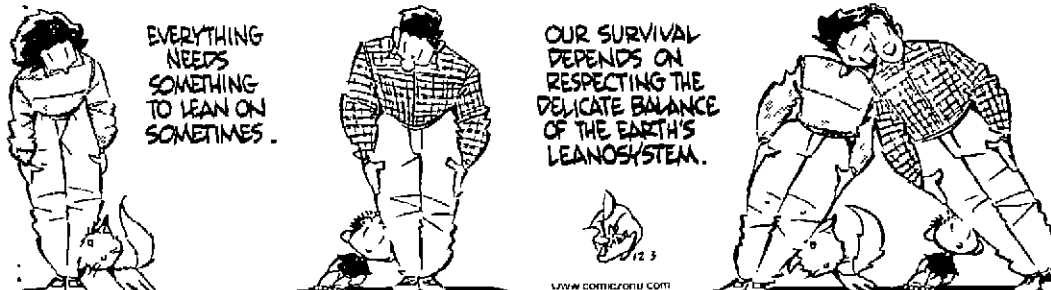
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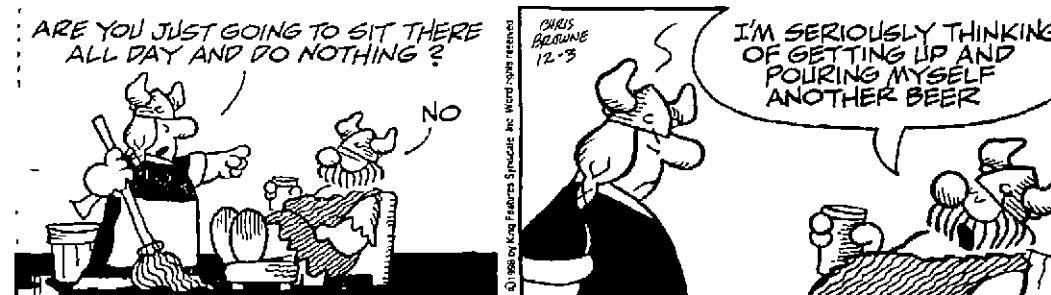
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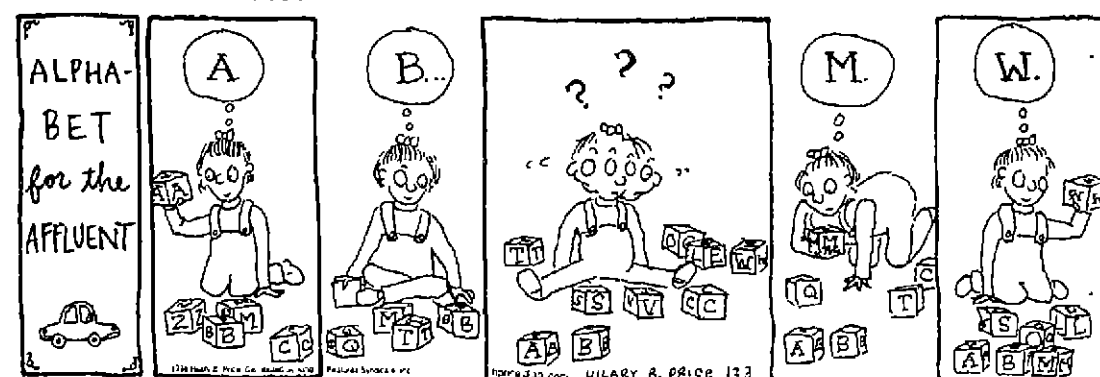
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FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



HOROSCOPE

For Friday, Dec. 4, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Tension at home might be a problem. Don't try to lose yourself in work.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Open your mouth and say what's on your mind, even if no one's around to hear it.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Do your best to lie low. Let the answering machine do its job.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Take a chance as your personal stash of good luck is full to overflowing.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) You find yourself in an unusual position — unable to make a decision.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Try to be in contact with as many people as possible at work, your time to shine has arrived.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Pay attention to small tasks dot your i's and cross your t's. If storms appear, let them blow by.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Your intellect is set on overdrive, and you might have many meaningful conversations with other people.

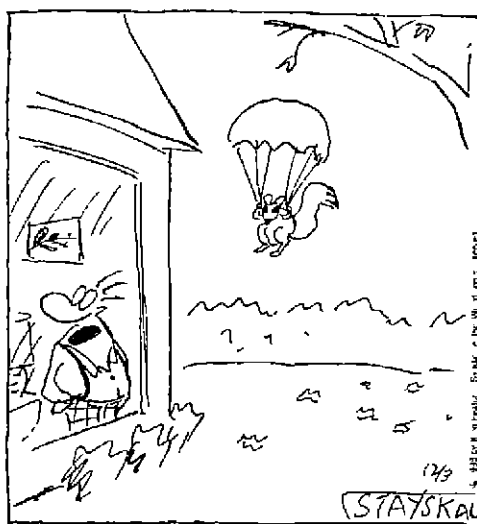
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You might be called on to provide a shoulder to cry on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Relationships are the hot issues, and you might find you wish you were somewhere else.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Your mind has been too busy for your own good lately. Here's a tip: Just turn it off. Fortune favors the bold.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Put on your play clothes, and seek the company of a child of any age. Fun is your catchword.

RALPH



WORD SLEUTH

Professional sports "B" teams

B K I F C A X V S Q O L J H E
C B A X V T R P N L J H F D B
Y S U X V T R S P S O M K S I
G E T C D B Z L R X W U T T S
R B L A C K H A W K S E Q O Y
B U N L C A E G J S L L I B A
I L G F B B N N D L N C A Y J
X L U W V U O E U T S I R P E
O S R E W E R B E S K C U B U
N L K J S O C N O R B I G R L
F E C S R E M R O T S N R A B

Wednesday's unlisted clue: GOLD

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Thursday's unlisted clue hint: MICHAEL JORDAN'S TEAM

Barnstormers Blackhaws Brewers Bucks
Bears Blue Jays Broncos Bullets
Bengals Blues Bruins Bum
Bills Bobcats Buccaneers

For solution, see Classified.

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 1022

ACROSS

- 1 Quarrel
- 5 Twenty-one words
- 10 Warp
- 14 Cherry
- 15 Overthrow, e.g.
- 16 Capture on video
- 17 Ouida's "of Flanders"
- 18 Exurb
- 20 Onion servings
- 22 Suffix with final or fatal
- 23 Site of Texas College
- 24 Atlantic City event
- 26 "Fat chance!"
- 28 Fantasia
- 30 Standing
- 35 With 45 Across, a 1976 Eagles hit
- 38 Noggins
- 39 Footnote note
- 40 Do schoolwork?
- 42 What Band Aids aid
- 43 Golden Horde member
- 45 See 35-Across
- 47 City south of Salem
- 48 Printing flourish
- 49 "Princess" (1984 premiere)
- 51 Some Fertile Crescent residents
- 55 Opposer of Cortes
- 58 Bug killer, briefly
- 61 Make mischief
- 62 Madonna's first top 10 song
- 63 Harass
- 66 Washrui
- 67 Old hull caulking
- 68 Actress Swenson
- 69 "Frasier" honor
- 70 Systems of waist removal?
- 71 Shrinking

DOWN

- 1 Line of cliffs
- 2 Lecterns
- 3 "Moving right
- 4 Milieu of the stressed-out
- 5 Playboy mansion name
- 6 Peeve
- 7 Speaker of note
- 8 Billing cycle, often
- 9 Fraction of a joule
- 10 Command to Fido
- 11 Auto engineer Benz
- 12 Foil's heavier cousin
- 13 Erode
- 19 Pre-op inhalant, once
- 21 Handi outfit
- 23 Not entirely happy
- 27 It takes a bow
- 29 Zoo barriers

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

TERPS VINE SPOT
ADORE TBEG OSLO
NUYORKCITY FILE
VIES PATOIS
PERMITS STRIFE
EXHALE WAITER
SCORE HALAS ECO
TOYS SAXON CLAP
ONO LOREN FLIRT
USURPS SLEEVE
CRATES STUFFED
RABIES PEAS
IRON PIINTHESKY
FLAT ODES EERIE
FATS TORE SLITS

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

South took his diamond ace and quickly led a club to dummy's jack. The finesse won, and South became complacent. Instead of dropping a doubleton club king from West, dummy's club ace brought a discard from East. South could not play the club suit without two losers, and South had to try dummy's spades. After dummy's club jack won at trick two, South could have cinched his slam. To guarantee winning at least four club tricks, South should have crossed to his spade ace to lead a second club toward dummy. Had West held a doubleton club king, South would have discovered this with no risk. When West follows with a low club, South should insert dummy's eight. Had the club eight lost to a potential 10 in East's hand, South would still enjoy four club winners and his slam. South's cautious play allows him to concede a club and four club winners for 12 tricks.

BRIDGE RESULTS

Bridge America: Saturday evening, first, Bill Barrington, MaryAnne Ruff, second, Maria Cannon, Sue Cannon.

Bridge Studio: Sunday afternoon, first/second/third, Bill Barrington, Joe Fortino, Bruce Rubin, Cornelia Yoder; Bill Foster, Gayle Barrington, Sunday evening, first, Cornelia Yoder, Joe Fortino, second, Rob Barrington, Bruce Rubin, Monday morning, first, Olin Smith, Mary Smith, second, Joe Fortino, Julie Sunser, Monday evening, first, Sharlene Kostichka, Doug Lyon, second, Ron Dewey, Gary Simonetta, Tuesday evening, first, Bill Barrington, Rob Barrington, second, Dan Appar Janet Koelsch, Friday morning, first, Larry Sunser, Joe Fortino, second, Madeline Raitte, Julie Sunser, Friday evening, first, Julie Sunser, Larry Sunser, second, Joe Fortino, John Molinar.

Concord: 1 NS, Howard Johndrow, Larry Watul, 2 NS, Lois Meyer, Eileen Wayne, 1 EW, Bib Letham, Barb Reinschmidt, 2 EW, Fran McCarthy, Don Rich.

Stonehedge: 1 NS, Jackie Oslica, Helen White, 2 NS, Milie Tymann, Goldie Walczyk, 1 EW, Helen Kelley, Marie Rothbailer, 2 EW, Gerry Burns, Lucy Currie.

Call 422-4114 by Friday evening to report your bridge club results.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Country singer Ferlin Husky is 73

Singer Andy Williams is 71

Movie director Jean-Luc Godard is 68

Singer Jaye P. Morgan is 67

Actress Mary Alice is 57

Rock singer Ozzy Osbourne is 50

Actress Heather Menzies is 49.

Actress Daryl Hannah is 38

Actor Brendan Fraser is 30

Actor Royale Watkins ("Built to Last") is 29. Actress Lauren Roman ("All My Children") is 23. Actress Anna Chlumsky is 18. Actor Brian Bonsall is 17.